

### ***Complete Listing of the Claims***

Claims 1-54 (Canceled)

55. (Currently amended) A method of treating a melanoma tumour in a human, comprising subcutaneously administering to cells of said tumour an antisense nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence that ~~binds to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or a corresponding RNA sequence, wherein said nucleic acid molecule has the function of preventing or decreasing expression of human osteonectin~~ is the reverse complement of nucleotides 15-1698 of SEQ ID NO:1.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said antisense nucleic acid molecule is administered via direct injection to the tumour.

57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said antisense nucleic acid molecule is administered *in vitro* to tumour cells taken from said human, and further comprising reintroducing into said human said tumour cells to which said antisense nucleic acid molecule has been administered.

58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said antisense nucleic acid molecule is an RNA molecule.

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said antisense nucleic acid molecule is a DNA molecule.

Claims 60-62 (Canceled)